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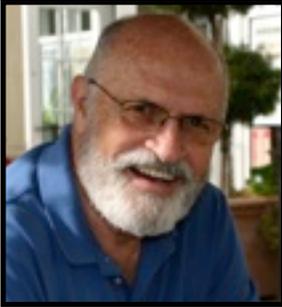
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The Hat

Jan Schmidt strolled into the Oktoberfest at the Farnsworths last Saturday

looking like the Halloween Queen. In her bag she had a selection of hats she had knitted. An immediate collection of women descended on her to try them on.

I was able to talk her out of one to take with me to Mongolia. With the promise I would give it to one of the girls I meet there. That seemed to be a fairly easy task until I got it home. My wife tried it on and I almost didn't get it back. She said, "I'd like to keep this." "I'm gonna have to learn how to do that."

Never the less, I got the hat packed in my bag, and I'll try to give it to someone without getting mobbed.

It's a long plane ride to get to Mongolia, but I arrived all in one piece. We overnigheted in Ulanbaatar and then bussed to Erdinet, that's nine, count 'em, hours on a bus. I'm looking for signs of Healey presence in this country. Sadly, I find none. I don't think any British car, let alone a Healey, has ever made it here. Oh, wait, I remember reading a couple of

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December Meeting

Annual Christmas Party

December 11, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
at the
San Diego Auto Museum



HEALEY HEARSAY is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly member's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. The location varies and is announced in the newsletter and on our web site: www.sdhealey.org

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Sam Talbert's 1959 Sprite at the San Diego British Car Day

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Hi All

Man it's that time of year again !! Wasn't it just July ??
Well John & Mary's car is getting close now, so it should be running soon !!



Lisa & Mike had Birthdays, but still holding on to 25 is it ??

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, we did, I'm still feeling it !!



Next activity coming up, is a combined event TR's & AH's Randy Zoller's cork inspection tour, Dec 5th. RSVP cut off date is the 1st of December, If he doesn't have enough people there won't be any food served. If you do RSVP you owe the food cost if you show up or not!!

The next weekend is the club Christmas party on the 11th @ the Automotive Museum, should be fun as always.

Mike and Delia had found a new meeting spot to try so we are going to give it a go,

**6:30PM Jan 12th @
Jimmy's of Santee
9635 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee CA 92071**

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party, don't forget to RSVP and send you monies in early and save 10 big ones !!

Remember to bring 1 gift each for the gift exchange...we found a good one, may have to let it go a few rounds.

Happy Holidays, Terry



Minutes Last Meeting:

The November 10th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

21 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Cass Cacciatore, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Louis Galper~& Debra Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys*, Udo Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Merja & Eric Tarakjian, Craig & Sue Turner.

Meeting was called to order at 7.15 pm by president Terry Cowan.

Terry opened by indicating he had contacted the Automotive Museum and made reservations to use the facility on Dec 11th for our Christmas Party. We will have the room from 10 am to 4 pm and the actual party schedule is 11 am to 3 pm.

Lynne commenting: The plan is essentially the same as previous parties. Admission is \$15.00 per person with an RSVP and \$20.00 at the door, no exceptions. She indicated she will look into potential caterers with entrees of Turkey, Ham and possibly fish. The club will subsidize part of the cost.

Further comments: As in the past we will have a gift exchange you can participate in if you choose. One gift per person, to be about \$15 and please not any white elephant type of presents. Exchange rules explained before starting. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

October minutes were approved.

Vice President/ Membership: Rick Snover back from Honeymoon announced we have 80 members and that 36 of them also have memberships in AHCA. Also announced that tonight is elections night

Secretary: No comments.

Treasurer: Lynne reported on the bank balance.

Newsletter: Sam is currently out of country.

Activities: The recognized Club Activity for November will be John Schermerhorn's next Sprite tech session. This to make up for Terry being unavailable on the 6th, The date will be Sat. Nov. 20th. Time 10.00 till ?.

For other events that are upcoming, see the dedicated Activities page.

Regalia: As a repeat notice, Lynne has made up a goodie bag sampler of what we have left in regalia. Items are each priced at \$5.00 each The plan is to show this, rather than lug around everything. Further item acquisitions are currently in limbo.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

BCCC: Looking forward to 2011 show.

Old Business: None

New Business/info: Rick Snover officiated over our 2011 election of officers .

Continuing; as President: Terry Cowan, Secretary: Dick Schmidt, Treasurer: Lynne Stark, Editor: Sam Talbert.

As new faces; Vice President: Mike Williams, Activities: Gisela Putzke

Udo mentioned his fathers passing and thanked the club for remembrances. Our sympathies and best wishes.

Dick Schmidt was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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years ago about an off road rally planned for Mongolia. I don't know if it ever came off, there is no sign of it anywhere. If it did happen I am sure there would have been at least one Range Rover in the mix.

None the less, there are no sports cars here that I can see. And I can understand why. The roads, although well maintained, don't say, 'hey mister sports car, come drive me and



I'll show you some fun'. What they do say is, 'sit back and relax, this is going to

be a long, boring drive'. The towns are few and far between and the landscape is nothing more than low hills and open fields of brown



grass, with an occasional herd of sheep.

Anyway, I was disappointed, Healeywise. Otherwise the trip was a roaring success. We conducted two conferences attended by a total of 600 public school teachers and administrators. They were very responsive and appreciative of our presentations.

Back to the hat. I looked for a suitable recipient throughout the trip. I thought of giving it to the young lady who waited on us at the Asian restaurant each night, I considered giving it to the girl at the hotel

Activities - what the future brings:

DECEMBER AND BEYOND

• **December 11 - Annual Christmas Party**
11:00 - 3:00 at the Auto Museum

January 12 - First meeting of 2011
6:30 pm at Jimmy's of Santee

April 17 - San Diego Rolling British Car Day

May 18-22 - California Healey Week
at Ventura, CA

June 27-July 1 - Healey Rendezvous
at Vancouver, WA

July 3-8 Colorado Conclave
at Colorado Springs

desk who also delivered breakfast each morning. I considered giving it to my interpreter. Then one morning in walked Batulga, one of the new life teachers who are tasked with the follow up of responses of the conference.



She was wearing the right color coat and I knew I had found the right person.

Thanks Jan, your hat is now a part of the wardrobe of one of the nicest young ladies in all of Mongolia, and my wife is sad. I had to bring her a string of pearls to ease the pain.

Whooeee!!!



2010 AHCA Fall Delegate's Meeting

By Mike Williams, AHCS D Delegate

The Fall AHCA Delegate's meeting was held in Atlanta, GA this past November 13-15 and as usual, I was there representing the AHCS D. We had one of our largest Delegate turnouts in quite some time. First, a big "thank you" to Kate O'Leary, John May and the folks from the Atlanta Club who did a superb job of hosting the Delegates. I will try to give you a quick recap of the meeting highlights.

Officer's Reports:

Club Support, Greg Lauser, V.P. – Greg reported that there is a group of approximately twenty-five Healey owners in Mexico who are trying to form a club and have made contact with AHCA and wish to discuss becoming an affiliate. There are some issues to be worked out, but this has been done before in other organizations such as the National Jaguar club.

Promotion, Gary Feldman, V.P. – Gary and Greg displayed and explained a new bi-fold card which will be placed in the 2011 Membership Directory. This card is to be used when an AHCA member sells their Healey; the new owners can receive the balance of the year's membership for free, if not already an AHCA member and AHCA will notify the local club of the potential new member for recruitment. A request was made for short articles that might highlight Future 50 members in the local clubs. These would be placed in the Healey Marque magazine.

Safety, Don Klein, V.P. – Don stated that Christmas is coming... a Snell 2005 racing helmet would make a great gift.

Treasurer, Bev Sealand – Bev distributed the November 2010 Report which shows that AHCA is pretty much on target with their 2010 budget, however with the current income and expenditures, there will be a \$10K shortfall in 2011 and a \$30K shortfall in 2012. Bev suggested that it was time to discuss a dues increase. The last increase was in 1999. Not bad considering the increase in insurance coverage and the high quality, all-color Healey Marque magazine.

Membership, Mike Schneider – An attempt to send E-invoices didn't work, so we will be going back to the "snail mail". A report showing AHCA membership by local club was distributed. AHCS D has 49% of our members that are also AHCA members. This is a decrease of two from 2009 and 3 from 2008, however the club size has also decreased, so we are actually up by percentage. Mike asked to please send him an email with your change of address if you move. Mike also reminded all clubs that they have a free 1-year membership that can be raffled off at a regional event... each club just needs to make a certificate to present and make sure it gets sent to Mike with the winners information.

Conclave 2010 in Golena, IL: Bob Brown, Conclave Chair – Bob reported that they had 189 registrations, 410 participants, including 9 walk-ins. Bob presented a check for \$569 to AHCA, half of this year's Conclave profits.



2010 Delegates Meeting in Atlanta, GA



Conclave, Jim Frakes, V.P. – Jim summarized the upcoming Conclave events. 2011 will be held in Colorado Springs, CO and is well underway in accepting registrations and hotel reservations. AHCA would like clubs that plan on attending to assist with various events/tasks. 2012 is being held in Louisville, KY, June 17-22 at the Crowne Plaza. Ben Moore is Chair. 2013 was open, so Roger Hamel of the Montreal club, made a presentation to host the event in Charlevoix, Canada. It's a beautiful spot on the St. Lawrence River, about 5 hours northeast of Montreal. The proposed dates are June 23-July 1, 2013. The resort has rooms for \$130/night + tax. This was voted on by the Delegates on Sunday as passed unanimously.

Healey Marque Magazine: Reid Trummel, Editor – Reid distributed a report showing the monthly cost breakdown for the Marque. Paper costs have fluctuated this year and we are expecting an increase to the postage for 2011. The magazine looks great and will remain all-color for 2011. Keep those articles and pictures coming.

Concours: Rich Chrysler (absent) – Concours judging guidelines are now being sent out on a CD for \$20. There is much more additional information included for the restorer to use.

DMH Memorial Fun: Baird Foster (absent) – This fund was established to provide scholarship grants to students in the Cornwall, UK area. Recipients are featured annually in the Healey Marque. The current balance is \$11,403.04.



Insurance: Fred Dabney –

Fred reported that fifty-two requests were made in 2010 for certificates of insurance. Fred reminded all clubs to only ask for a certificate if your event venue requests one.

Nominations Committee: All current officers have been re-nominated for another term. Bob Brown, 2010 Conclave Chair, and his wife Pat were nominated for a 1-year honorary membership.

Future 50: Ben Moore (absent)

– Suggestion was made to offer discounted club memberships and event registrations to F-50 participants. Hagerty Insurance would like to set-up some sort of scholarship for F-50 members. Ben is working with Hagerty on this idea.

Webmaster: Cole Getzler

(absent) – Unfortunately, it was reported that Cole has stepped down from this position due to his current work responsibilities. A request was made to canvas your club to see if anyone might be interested in taking this on. The person would need to be familiar with SQL databases and .aspx pages (whatever that means). Mike Williams has a detailed description of the responsibilities and time required, should you be interested.

There were several issues discussed under Old/New Business as well as the items that were voted on by the Delegates. The most important being the dues increase for 2011. The new membership dues for AHCA will be 450/year, an increase of \$10. This is projected to take care for the budget shortfall and should be sustainable for the next 10 years.

Next year's Delegates meeting will be at the summer Conclave in Colorado Springs, CO and in Louisville, KY in the fall.

I will post additional information from the meeting via the club's Yahoo Group. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, regarding this report or concerns for future AHCA issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Williams, AHCS D Delegate



Garage Talks

Conversations with Club members in their most natural habitat.

It was literally at the end of the road. I was on my way to talk with Craig Turner in his garage. My garmin guided me through a maze of streets in south Escondido. I turned into Craig's driveway because the alternative was plunging into



Lake

Hodges. Craig met me at his garage door and took me on a tour of his

cars. In the garage he has a blue 3000 with a gray vinyl top, which he said was a factory accessory. Somehow, it didn't look quite right. The grill looked more like a Ferrari and the side vents were square rather than triangles. Craig agreed it was not 'original' but it breathes better and still looks pretty good. Makes sense to me, but then I am not a concourse judge.



Alongside the Healey sat an Aston Martin DB9. It just seemed natural to have a

current example of 'Queen Blessed' British automotive innovation.



Outside sat a couple of icons of the motor world. I walked past an A Model Ford Pickup to a portable garage sporting a green Bugeye. He has only



had the car a short while and he plans to work on it with his gear headed daughter.

Craig is a Brit born in Bournemouth, England. He is married and has two adult

daughters. I didn't get a chance to talk with his wife, because she was in England at the time. Craig began his career at the De Havilland Aeronautical Training School and floated to the top quickly becoming ultimately a 'Chartered Engineer' which is the highest level of engineer in the UK. (You should see the 3 and a half page vita he gave me.)

He went on from there to work for Kodak, to create his own design firm and applied his genius to a world of products from thrust reversers for Boeing 737s, to natural pine cottage style tables and everything in between.

He formed a company to build 22 to 46 ft. yachts and catamarans.

Then he got interested in triathlons and developed a company producing triathlon equipment including a bike frame that won 6 Gold medals at World Track Championships, and also won three Tour de France races. His equipment has been a part of 14 of 16 Ironman World Championships.

He has ridden his bike all the way across the USA, and at another time he took his two daughters (13 and 16 years old at the time) through the Grand

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Tetons National Park, over Yellowstone



National Park, up the 'Road-To-The-Sun' in Glacier National Park, and up the 200 mile Icefield Parkway from Banff to Jasper, Canada all in 14 days. 'Wheew'

Look for that little green Bugeye to begin showing up at some of our events as Craig and his daughter tweak this, clean up that, change this, paint that. I expect this father-daughter team to become a force to be dealt with at car shows around Southern California.

Oktoberfest

AAAAAARRRRGGGGG it has been clear and bright all week but Saturday opens up like a cross between London and San Francisco. As I look out my bedroom window there are a few clouds over Tijuana, but a gaze out the library window looks like a howling blue norther is on the way. I have been anticipating Oktoberfest all month for another chance to take Whooeee out for a spin, but not today. Sniff, sniff. So, we loaded up the Honda for a dash to Putzke's to start a disappointing drive to Farnsworth's for lunch. We were not the only disappointed ones. As club members gathered there was a conspicuous absence of Healeys. Only Craig Turner defied the rain in his Healey. Even Udo backed off and drove his Mercedes.

A cup of coffee and a donut mixed with some friendly conversation and a tour of Gisela's cactus



garden filled the time while the group gathered. Then it was off to Farnsworth's via a route Udo designed. Here again the

pain stabbed me. This was a perfect road for a Healey and here I am riding shotgun in a Honda. Then it got worse. The sun came out and the rest of the day was clear and cool, perfect Healey weather.

Pulling up to Bob and Sue's home I saw the garage

doors open and tables set up in a garage cleaner than I



have ever seen. Behind the table a monster buffet was forming. All kinds of hors d'oeuvres, salads, hot dishes and desserts showed up as the crowd grew. Somebody has the sour kraut recipe perfected. Delicious!!! In the back John Schermerhorn was grilling Brats. Drinks were aplenty and Healey talk filled the air.

Jan Schmidt showed up with her bag of



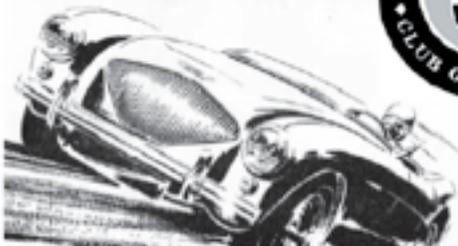
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Johns' Sprite

November Tech Session

Several hardy souls turned out to brave the rain and work or kibitz. In no particular order the tinkering crew consisted of: Bob Humphreys, Udo, Terry, Dick, Rick, Sandy Leon and naturally John. The support crew, which saw to lunch, was Mary, Jan, Lisa and Allie.

Work moved ahead with carpet underlayment, wiring, heater, engine accessories and



a quick “what’s it look like with the dash in place?” This look showed us that the pictures of the various knob control locations shown in the manual can’t be



accurate because what is controlled is on the opposite side of the car and the cables etc. can’t reach. OK, so we move some stuff.

So where are we now? We are in the middle of sorting out those annoying trouble spots. The doors are not exactly the same where the door panels fit which presents an upholstery problem. We still have a fuel line and pump problem. Then of course filling the fluids -bleeding air out of the clutch / brake lines etc. Oh, and getting it running - can’t forget that.

Like we said, we’re moving ahead - hey think back to where we’ve come from. That’s what I keep telling myself with ours.

Comment by Dick Schmidt

New officers of SDAHCA chosen for 2011

- President: Terry Cowan
- Vice Pres.: Mike Williams
- Secretary: Dick Schmidt
- Treasurer: Lynne Stark
- Editor: Sam Talbert
- Activities Committee Chairperson: Gisela Putzke

The new Board will take office at the January meeting.



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hats. I wondered what she was doing in all



those club meetings tick-ticking away with her knitting needles.

The only sad thing was looking out the garage doors and seeing the drive fill with everything BUT Healeys. Craig's car looked



so lonely with only Udo's Mercedes (and it's not even British) to keep it company.

I just hope the Christmas party will dodge bad weather so we can show off the Queen's finest one more time before the year ends.



California Healey Week, 2011

Will be held between May 18-22 in beach city of Ventura. The event will be headquartered at the Crown Plaza Hotel (see <http://www.cpventura.com>).

Nearby are clean, uncrowded beaches, numerous restaurants and shopping opportunities and not far from the Santa Barbara area wineries.

Planned CHW events include a tour of Moss Motors, drives in the local area, Tech Session, Gymkhana, Car Show, lady's crafts & luncheon, Silent Auction and Banquet dinner.

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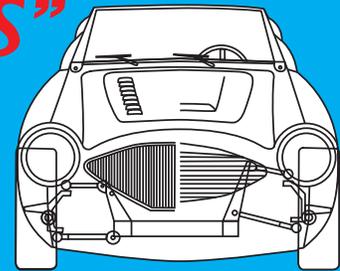
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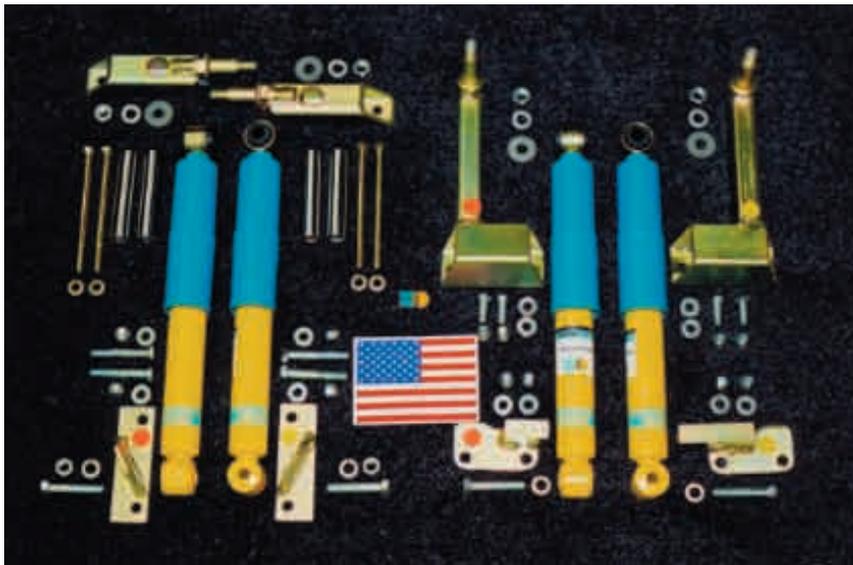


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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CotY recorder, Gisela Putzke (858-486-3870 or putzke@cox.net), within 30 days after the event. AHCSO events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

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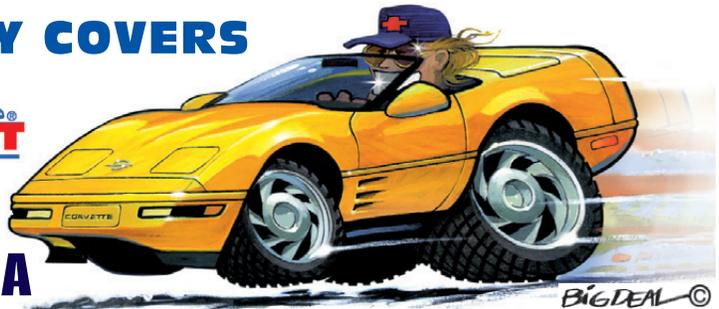
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San Diego Austin Healey Club Drives in the Veteran's Day Parade.

The Vet of the Year is Joe Brunner with his wife Bea.

The parade honored Cold War Veterans. It was quite long, but I only saw a little of it as we were in the front and I was driving the



Austin Healey. The parade went down Pacific Hwy from the County Admin building at Ash to Seaport Village.

The parade was the same day that they brought in the damaged cruise ship, so traffic was terrible.

Bob Humphreys

California DMV Issuing New, Secure Driver Licenses and ID Cards

Earlier this fall, the California DMV began issuing new versions of both the California driver license and state identification cards. This is a significant change, but it's one that will further ensure that personal information of California motorists is more safe and secure.

How does this affect my business?

For a period of time, both the older and newer versions of the California driver license and ID cards will be valid. When you check customer IDs, those who were issued a card as of September 30, 2010 will have the new version of the driver license or ID card. If the driver license or ID card was issued prior to September 30, 2010, it will be in the older format and remain valid until the expiration date that is shown on the card. These

new cards - the first in nearly a decade - are currently one of the most secure cards in the nation and should successfully put the DMV at least several years ahead of counterfeiters. The distinct and secure features of these cards make it easier for businesses to properly identify cardholders and better protect themselves from the liabilities associated with fake IDs.

Why did the DMV do this?

California driver license and ID cards are considered the primary identification document in the state, and the security of California drivers and residents is of the utmost importance to the DMV. With these new cards, you will be less likely to encounter fraudulent, counterfeited, and tampered driver licenses and IDs when you check customer identification.

What are the features of these new cards?

There are a many new features of the California driver license and ID card that make them different from the old version. The look and feel has been significantly changed and both cards include improved safety measures to protect individual identities. Some of the new features include:

- A laser engraved signature with raised lettering that you can feel to the touch, letting you know immediately that the cardholder has an authentic card.
- In addition to the primary photo on the driver license, a smaller, lighter photo of the cardholder will also be placed on the card and can only be seen under UV light.
- Names will now be listed on two lines on both the ID and driver license. The last name will be displayed on the first line and the first and middle name will go on the second line.
- Driver license and ID cards for individuals under the age of 21 will now be presented vertically as opposed to horizontally. This will allow you to quickly and easily detect whether the cardholder is under 21 for purposes of buying alcohol, cigarettes, gambling, etc.. (*Note: provisional licenses are for under 18*)
- In addition to the magnetic stripe, a new 2D bar code will be placed on both the driver licenses and ID cards. The same information is contained in both, but will allow entities two methods of reading the data on the driver license and ID card.
- An outline of the California Brown Bear will be placed on the back of the card and can be seen through the front by holding a flashlight directly to the back of the card.



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